

Statement from a spokesperson for the Department of Health

- Voluntary Assisted Dying is not the policy of the Australian Government. The Victorian Parliament passed the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017* (VAD Act) and it received Royal Assent on 5 December 2017.
- Voluntary Assisted Dying decisions for each named patient would be made through the application of Victorian legislation on the basis that compounding by a pharmacist for an individual named patient is regulated by state law.
- Under the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, drugs that are extemporaneously compounded for individual patients are exempt from the requirement to be included in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods administered by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.
- The import of the necessary drugs to be used in the extemporaneously compounding is allowed under and governed by the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*.